

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2006, in connection with the above-identified application, Applicant's elect, with traverse, the following species:

R and R', a radical of C₁₈H₃₇, as in Examples 1 and 2;

X, quaternary amine -R₂-N⁺(R₃)(R₁)-;

X', quaternary amine -N⁺(R₃)(R₁)-R₂-;

L, L' and L'', -Z-CO-NH-R₄-NH-CO-Z-, wherein R₄ = methylenedicyclohexyl as in the Examples, and wherein Z = O, as in the Examples;

P and P', n and p each have the value 0, P and P' do not exist in the polyurethane of formula (I); and

Y, a radical of polyethylene glycol, as in the Examples.

The grounds for traversal are as follows:

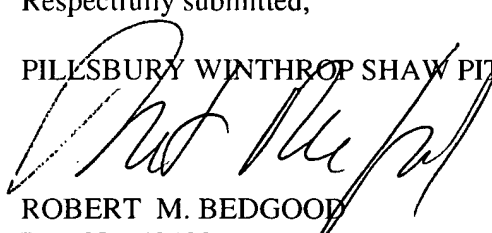
On March 1, 2004, the claims were subject to an election of species requirement. Applicants elected a species for prosecution in a Response filed September 7, 2004 (A supplemental Response was filed September 20, 2004 to provide a signed copy). In the Office Actions mailed December 13, 2004, and August 24, 2005, the Patent Office acknowledged that the scope of the claims to the extent that they read upon the elected species were free of the prior art. A search of the claims prior to the new restriction requirement has therefore already been performed. Consequently, there is no undue burden for the Patent Office to examine the full scope of the claims prior to the new restriction requirement and, therefore, the new restriction requirement is improper and should be withdrawn.

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